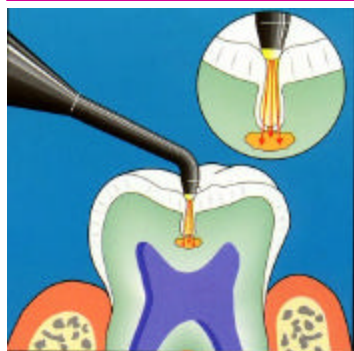


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Zero to age 21: Information
Promoting Success for Nurses
working with Kansas Kids

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau for Children, Youth & Families are inviting public health department nurses to participate in a **dental screening research project**. A DIAGNOdent (laser fluorescent dental device), equipment and supplies will be made available to participating health departments. The screenings should be conducted during the child health assessments of children ages 5 years and older. Trainings via ITV, through AHEC, will be provided for oral health assessment information and hands-on usage of the DIAGNOdent device. Technical assistance will be ongoing. For more information and to become a part of this innovative oral health research project contact Chris Tuck, 785-296-7433, or Dawn McGlasson, 785-296-1314.

An ongoing DIAGNOdent project is being conducted with Kansas School Nurses again for the 2004-2005 school year, and by adding public health department nurses to this survey project more children will be screened and additional data will be collected!



Welcome to ZIPS: **Zero to Age 21: Information Promoting Success for Nurses working with Kansas Kids**. We hope this newsletter continues to be a useful resource for you, and we encourage you to give us your comments, feedback, and suggestions. Also, note that previous months' issues of the ZIPS can be found at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/c-f/zips/>

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Colorado Considering Ending Presumptive Eligibility for Medicaid Prenatal Care.

In the August 13 Daily Health Policy Report from the Kaiser Family Foundation's Web site, it is indicated that the board who advises the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing are considering whether to accept a rule change which would end "presumptive eligibility" for Medicaid prenatal care in Colorado. "Presumptive eligibility" is defined as prenatal health care coverage for low-income, uninsured pregnant women while waiting for acceptance into the Medicaid program. In the past year it cost Colorado around \$9 million to cover the expenses of 46 percent of the 19,000 women participating in this no-cost Medicaid program for pregnant women who were undocumented immigrants and therefore ineligible. Further, this type of thinking could lead to a potential increase in the number of prematurely born infants in Colorado if the perception is one of frustration and despair toward an "uncaring system." If the number of premature infants should increase to any degree, it would place an even greater burden on their Medicaid system. For additional information on this and other health-related topics of interest go to: <http://www.kaisernetwork.org>.

Journal Watch Online

Hope for the

Pregnant and the Obese? In a time when morbid obesity is occurring in epidemic proportions among reproductive-aged U.S. women, a ray of hope exists. During a four-year period, data were collected by researchers on gravidity, parity, type of bariatric surgery, obstetric risk factors, pregnancy complications, and labor characteristics. Their findings

included the following: out of 159,210 deliveries, 298 occurred in bariatric surgery patients. The rate of Cesarean delivery was significantly higher among bariatric surgery patients than the other women in the study. However, after controlling for confounding variables, the two groups of women did not differ in incidences of perinatal mortality, low Apgar scores at 1 and 5 minutes, dystocia, placenta previa, or placental abruption. In addition the following factors were closely associated with those women undergoing bariatric surgery: previous cesarean delivery, fertility treatment, premature rupture of membranes, labor induction, and fetal macrosomia. The researchers further posited that clinicians seeing pregnant women who are considering bariatric surgery for weight loss should stress preconception counseling aimed at optimizing nutrition. Also, most women should be counseled to wait at least one year following bariatric surgery and weight loss has stabilized to conceive. Further, women who have experienced anovulation or other infertility concerns often become fertile again following weight loss and should be counseled to prevent unwanted pregnancies. For more information go to: <http://www.jwatch.org>.

Antidepressants for Nursing Mothers?

According to researchers who pooled data from 57 studies conducted between 1979 - 2001 meeting specific criteria regarding methods and measurements of actual drug levels of infants breastfed by mothers receiving antidepressants. The findings were reassuring in that they were consistent with earlier findings of either low or undetectable plasma levels of SSRI's (a class of antidepressants affecting the level of serotonin levels in the brain) in

breastfeeding infants. Further, two antidepressants, sertraline and paroxetine seem to be the SSRI's of choice for nursing mothers from the results of this study. For further information on this topic go to: <http://www.jwatch.org>.

Formulas for Infants with Special Dietary Needs—by Sandy Perkins, MS, RD/LD

Hypoallergenic Infant Formulas.

While many parents may report vague symptoms of formula intolerance, the actual prevalence of milk protein allergy in infancy is quite low, only about two - three percent. Soy protein-based formulas are as allergenic as cow milk protein-based formulas. Symptoms of food protein allergy include diarrhea, vomiting, in addition to skin and respiratory symptoms. The preferred formulas for infants intolerant to cow's milk and soy proteins are protein hydrolysate formulas. Protein hydrolysates are proteins that have been chemically altered into a more easily digested form.

The most common protein hydrolysate formulas on the market are Alimentum Advance, Nutramigen Lipil, and Pregestimil. The fat source in Nutramigen is similar to that in either milk or soy-based formulas. Both Pregestimil and Alimentum contain medium chain triglycerides and are an appropriate choice if fat malabsorption is a problem. All three of the formulas use a readily digestible carbohydrate source and are lactose-free. Alimentum Advance and Nutramigen Lipil contain DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) and ARA (arachidonic acid). These hypoallergenic-labeled infant formulas can cost as much as three times more than standard formulas, should be limited to infants with well-defined clinical indications. Good

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Milk, Cheese and Yogurt: A Powerful Nutrient Package

containing calcium, potassium, phosphorus, protein, Vitamin D, Vitamin A, Vitamin B12, Riboflavin, and Niacin! For more information and to view other nutrition topics call 800-406-MILK (6455) or visit: <http://www.midwestdairy.com>.



Promoting Awareness, Preventing Pain: Facts on Early Childhood Caries (ECC)

(ECC), a fact sheet published by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC), presents information on dental caries in the primary teeth of children from birth through age 5. The fact sheet defines ECC, describes who is at risk, and presents information on both the financial and the human costs of ECC. It also suggests ways in which health professionals can reduce a child's risk for ECC. The fact sheet is intended for use by health professionals, program administrators, policymakers, and others working to improve the oral health status of infants, children, and their families. It is available on the OHRC Web site at: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/>.

Children Not the Target of Major Medicaid Cuts But Still Affected



by States' Fiscal

Decisions, a new fact sheet produced by the Maternal and Child Health Policy Research Center, provides information on the extent of state Medicaid policy changes affecting children in states' fiscal years 2003

and 2004. The fact sheet is part of the Center's Program Impact Series and includes information on changes affecting Medicaid (as opposed to those affecting Medicaid State Children's Health Insurance Programs exclusively). The authors obtained current information by examining managed care contracts, provider bulletins, and Medicaid state plan amendments submitted to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services. In addition, they conducted extensive telephone interviews with senior Medicaid staff. The authors discuss eligibility, managed care, enrollment, benefits, authorization, cost sharing, fee-for-service provider payments, and home- and community-based waivers. The fact sheet is available at: <http://www.mchpolicy.org/documents/MedicaidreportJune2004.pdf>.



The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

(NFID) recently launched a new in-practice resource program, **Kids Need Flu Vaccine, Too!** The online program gives health care practitioners an array of useful materials for conducting in-practice pediatric influenza immunization clinics. By conducting clinics, providers can increase influenza vaccination rates and comply with new recommendations issued by CDC, AAP, and other organizations to vaccinate children ages 6-23 months. The program includes the following: * Comprehensive checklist on how to plan and implement in-practice clinics * Physician-to-physician video featuring leading pediatric infectious disease experts and practicing physicians * Patient video and other patient materials that underscore the importance of influenza vaccination * Case studies on effective pediatric immunization programs * Sample articles for practice newsletters and tips on communicating the importance of

vaccination to parents * Tips to ensure proper reimbursement. To access the materials, go to the NFID web section Kids Need Flu Vaccine, Too! At: <http://64.242.251.230/index1.html>.



Flu Vaccine for Children - Recommendations, Resources and

Related Issues. As influenza (flu) season fast approaches and promotional activities will soon be underway, please remember that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has expanded its flu vaccination recommendations for the 2004-2005 flu season. Children 6 - 23 months of age should now be vaccinated annually against influenza. In addition, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers (e.g., employees of daycare centers) of children 0 - 23 months of age should be vaccinated annually to prevent the spread of the flu to young children. To read more see the following link: <http://www.ecbt.org/flu0704.html>.



FDA to Meet on Antidepressants for Children:

Two advisory committees of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will hold a public meeting September 13 to discuss issues involved in clinical trials of antidepressant drugs for children. For more info visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/aug04_alert.asp.



weather.com

Visit the Weather Channel's <http://www.weather.com/activities/health/>

to find pollen counts, mold forecasts and air pollution alerts. Find easy-to-use tools to calculate indoor air humidity levels or decide

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how much sunscreen to wear on your next bike ride!



BAM! Meet Dr. Asthma is a program run by the CDC to

encourage kids to engage in healthy physical activity by learning about their Bodies and Minds (BAM).

Visit: http://www.bam.gov/flash_dan.html.



What is RSV?

Respiratory Syncytial Virus is a very common, highly contagious and potentially serious virus, where more than 125,000 babies

are hospitalized each year due to RSV. It is a virus that affects almost all children before the age of two years. Most get cold-like symptoms and fight off the virus easily. Some infants, especially premature infants, become seriously ill because their lungs aren't fully developed and their bodies can't fight infection as well. For more information you can call the RSV hotline at: 1-877-848-8510 or visit: <http://www.rsvprotection.com>.

amazon.com.

The children's book "Why Are You So Sad?: A Child's Book About Parental Depression" can help kids better understand **parental depression**. The book can be ordered at <http://www.amazon.com>.

Lunch Box Pad

Viewing old

lunchboxes at the **Lunchboxpad.com** is a fun way to stroll down memory lane and see how childhood has changed. For details visit: <http://www.lunchboxpad.com/home/history/manufacturers/index.shtml>.



NIH Releases Research Strategy to Fight Obesity Epidemic.

NIH Director Elias M. Zerhouni, M.D., today announced the release of the final version of the *Strategic Plan for NIH Obesity Research*, a multi-dimensional research agenda to enhance both the development of new research in areas of greatest scientific opportunity and the coordination of obesity research across NIH. The report is on the web at <http://obesityresearch.nih.gov>. "We are pleased about this focused effort to identify research opportunities in obesity. We are especially concerned about the serious problems we see emerging in overweight children. Many of these are problems that we used to see only in adults," said Zerhouni. HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson has targeted obesity as a major priority of the Department. "There is no doubt that obesity is an epidemic that must be stopped. This plan gives us a clear focus for confronting obesity with science-based research approaches," Thompson said.

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Start Supreme and Good Start Supreme with DHA and ARA are whey hydrolystate formulas. The whey hydrolystate formulas are not as hypoallergenic as the products listed above, but the cost is equivalent to the standard milk and soy-based formulas. They may be acceptable in alleviating generic gastrointestinal symptoms of cow milk and/or formula intolerance.

Neocate and Elecare are amino acid-based formulas specifically designed for infants. Amino Acid-based formulas are indicated when symptoms persist even when extensively hydrolyzed protein formulas are used.

Formulas for Premature Infants. Commercial preterm infant formulas have been developed to meet the unique nutritional needs of the preterm

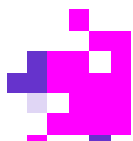
printed copies of the Strategic Plan may be ordered from NIH's Weight-control Information Network at (877) 946-4627 and online at <http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/nutrit/nutrit.htm>

SafetyLit The SafetyLit Web site

is about to be much improved. The site will convert from its current "flat-file" newsletter format to a database-driven dynamic site. This means that users of the SafetyLit Web site will be able to, if they choose, view only abstracts from selected categories. Further, the new system will allow for searches (author, date and text-word) that produce a listing of reports that match the search criteria instead of the current system that displays the entire update page in which the search term appears. Look for these and other improvements with the September 27th SafetyLit update. The most recent update is available now at: <http://www.safetylit.org>.

infant. All preterm formulas are cow milk-based formulas that provide increased amounts of protein, calcium, and phosphorus. All commercial preterm formulas contain DHA and ARA.

Standard infant formulas provide 20-kcal/oz; preterm formulas are available as 24-kcal/oz or 22-kcal/oz. The 24-kcal/oz products are Enfamil Lipil Premature and Similac Special Care Advance. Both are sold only in a liquid ready-to-use form and are primarily available in hospital settings. The 22-kcal/oz products are Enfamil Enficare Lipil and Similac Neosure Advance. Enficare Lipil and Neosure Advance are available in either a liquid ready-to-use or powdered form. The powdered form is readily available for home use.



Zips: Adolescent Health

Live as if you were living a second time, and as though you had acted wrongly the first time.

Viktor E. Frankl



Many adolescents have "dangerous misconceptions" about

seventeen.com contraception and protection against sexually transmitted diseases, according to the most recent survey in the SexSmarts series conducted by Seventeen magazine and the Kaiser Family Foundation. Researchers from International Communications Researchers conducted a telephone survey -- titled "Birth Control and Protection" -- from April 6-10 of 519 teens between the ages 15 - 17. Researchers examined adolescents' knowledge and attitudes about contraception, including issues related to decision-making and contraceptive use among those who are sexually active. A summary of the results can be found at the following link: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=24579.



Teen Birth Rate Reaches Record Low in 2002, Government Report Says.

The teen birth rate in 2002 reached a record low since the government started collecting statistics on teenage births in the 1940s, according to a report released Friday by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, the Los Angeles Times reports. The report, which compiles 25 "key" indicators of child well-being from 20 federal agencies, says that the teen birth rate has decreased by 40 percent since 1991 (Tytell, Los Angeles Times, 7/16). The teen birth rate in 2002 was 23 births per 1,000 girls ages 15 - 17, compared with 25 births per 1,000 girls in 2001 (Fox, Reuters, 7/16). To read more see the following link: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=24579



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Second FDA Study Seems to Confirm Suicide Risk from

Some Antidepressants: A second internal review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has found heightened risk of suicidal thinking in clinically depressed children who are given antidepressants, according to scientists who have seen the new study. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/aug10_alert.asp.



If you're the parent of a teen, you know that

back-to-school time is about a lot more than buying new sneakers and pencils. It's a reminder of the many challenges you -- and your teen -- face day-to-day. In an effort to help you meet the challenge and keep your teen healthy and safe, the NWHRC has developed a **handy online back-to-school kit just for you.** It's packed with new fact sheets, tips, resources and advice from leading adolescent health experts, including How to Raise Healthy, Drug-Free Teens, Tips for Helping Your Teen Eat a Balanced Diet, Teen Depression and Eating Disorder Warning Signs. It's also got the latest information on New Trends in Teen Drug Abuse and Fast Facts about Teen Health Checkups, and much more! View the kit here at this link: <http://www.healthywomen.org/b2s/chpa.htm>.



AP Poll: Parents Fear Children Will

Become HIV-Infected. More than 51 percent of adults surveyed for a recent *Associated Press* poll said they feared that one of their children would contract HIV, while only 20 percent were concerned that they themselves would become infected. Other findings from the poll include: Six in 10 survey

respondents thought AIDS was a "very serious" problem (as compared to nearly nine in 10 in 1987) 55 percent of respondents said they believed HIV prevention programs should focus on safe sex messages 40% of respondents thought HIV prevention education should focus on promoting sexual abstinence Twice as many respondents would rather the money from the \$15 billion President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief program be used to fight HIV/AIDS in the United States than be used internationally for HIV/AIDS prevention. <http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/1/display.php?u=Jmk9MSZwPTExMCZzPTg4Mw%3D%3D>.



Article Examines Association Between Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Use and Youth Assets.

"Perhaps the most important finding of our study is that specific assets appear to collectively reduce the odds of engaging in alcohol and drug use," state the authors of an article published in the August 2004 issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*. Significant positive relationships were found between nonuse of alcohol and the availability of peer role models, positive family communication, good health practices related to exercise and nutrition, and adolescents' aspirations for the future. An adolescent who had any one of these assets was approximately 1.5 to 2.5 times less likely to have used alcohol than an adolescent who did not have any one of these assets. Oman RF, Vesely S, Aspy CB, et al. 2004. The potential protective effect of youth assets on adolescent alcohol and drug use. *American Journal of Public Health* 94(8):1425-1435. More info is available at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/>.



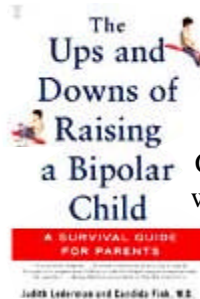
Here is the link to the new **Kansas HealthWave Web site:** <http://www.kansashealthwave.org>.

The site includes a letter of greeting from the Governor, interactive features, including current radio and television spots (TV Ads take a minute to download), current billboard campaign, applications in 10 languages, and other important HealthWave information.



The Spanish edition of "**A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home**" is now available on the Environmental Protection Agency Web site in PDF format at: http://www.epa.gov/mold/images/moldguide_sp.pdf.

Una Breve Guía para el Moho, la Humedad y su Hogar está disponible en el formato PDF (moldguide_sp.pdf - 796KB file). Documento de la agencia EPA número 402-K-03-008.



The Ups and Downs of Raising a Bipolar Child is a 294-page Survival Guide for Parents written by Judith Lederman, Candida Find, M.D. This list price of

the book is \$14.00 and it was published by Fireside in November 2003. The book is neatly divided into four parts, and is an invaluable resource for parents who are coping with the reality of raising a child with bipolar disorder.



Colorado Establishes Best Practices Web site. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has established a Web site to collect and share information on best practices for prevention and intervention programs to improve child, youth and maternal health. The site catalogs best practices for over 40 topic areas including access to health care, breastfeeding, children with special health care needs, cultural competence, infant mortality and much more. Visitors can also download a copy of the Denver benchmarks report, *Best Practices to Improve Denver's Health and Quality of Life*. Visit the Web site at: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ps/bestpractices/bestpracticeshom.asp>.



NACHC Reports on Community Health Centers:

A growing uninsured patient population, tightening revenues, Medicaid cuts, and a shortage of primary care physicians are posing a challenge to community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health care centers, according to a new report from the National Association of Community Health Centers. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/aug09_alert.asp.



Occupational Safety and Health have several documents on occupational safety and health and you can order them at: 800-356-4674 or visit their Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html>.

A Health-Full Plate is a new two-page nutrition education graphic developed



at K-State for people of all ages. A Health-Full Plate is available in English and Spanish on the Web site at: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/humannutrition/freshfruitsandvegetables.htm>



For a brief summary of the Practical

guidelines for the assessment and **treatment of patients with suicidal behaviors** visit: http://www.guideline.gov/summary/summary.aspx?view_id=1&doc_id=4529.



From September 18 – October 18 you have an opportunity to be a part of World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD).

It is designed to encourage volunteer monitoring programs, water quality agencies, student groups, and the general public to test waters in their area. The test parameters are four key indicators of watershed health: temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity. If you do not have access to equipment, test kits may be purchased on-line at <http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org> for \$13.00. Your group will have the opportunity to enter your monitoring results on-line to provide a global snap shot of water quality. KDHE is participating in the program by recording our monitoring information on-line and serving as Kansas' contact agency. To participate, you may register your site, record your monitoring results and obtain additional information at the world monitoring day Web site or contact Jaime Gaggero, Bureau of Water, 296-5579.

Wichita USD No. 259 school district has received an **Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative (AFSI) Grant** to be implemented in 10 of their schools. AFSI grants were allocated by the CDC and were only awarded to eight sites across the nation. AFSI's mission is to increase participation in state asthma coalitions and to increase awareness in schools on asthma, what triggers asthma, management of asthma, and how indoor/outdoor air quality affect asthma. The American Lung Association of Kansas is working closely with the AFSI initiative in coordination of this grant, and are already three-fourths of the way through the first year of the grant. The city of Wichita has demonstrated true commitment and dedication to this project in that the AFSI initiative has membership from school nurses in the Wichita public schools under the direction of their health services director, respiratory therapists from Via Christi Respiratory Care, nursing faculty from Wichita State University, Wichita Public Schools No. 259 Environmental Services, Sedgwick County Health Department, Kansas Asthma Coalition members, and other health professionals in the Wichita area. The Wichita Public School No. 259 school nurses are dedicated to providing health education, ensuring wellness, and improving academic performance for the students in their district, and are crucial to the success of this project. Congratulations Wichita USD No. 259!!!



Guidelines for the Nurse in the School Setting, November 2003, is the

newly recommended guidelines that is posted on the School Health

Resources Web site at KDHE http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/c-f/school_resources_docs.html. Please download these guidelines to use in your schools at the link provided below. The guidelines were produced by the Illinois Department of Public Health EMSC program in conjunction with the Emergency Care Committee of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Illinois EMSC is a collaborative program between the Illinois Department of Public Health and Loyola University Medical Center. http://www.luhs.org/depts/emsc/Schl_Man.pdf.

The August issue of Health and Health Care in Schools is online. In this issue:

- * Report Cites Increases in Immunization of Infants
 - * When Schools Conduct Surveys- What's the Law?
 - * Controversy Grows about Steroid Use by High Schoolers
 - * Influenza Update
 - * Effects of Requiring Parental Permission for Contraceptives
- Visit: <http://www.healthinschools.org/ejournal/ejournal.htm>



Skechers, Christina Aguilera To "Dis" Nurse Image. Shoemaker Skechers reportedly will launch a global ad campaign called "Naughty and Nice" that includes Aguilera posing as a nurse-with a strong element

of sado-masochism. To learn more about the campaign and the Center for Nursing Advocacy effort against it, go to: <http://www.nursingadvocacy.org/news/news.html>.

The **Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics** has an Asthma Inhaler chart that is available as a wall poster (32"x24"). It is perfect for the school clinic, emergency

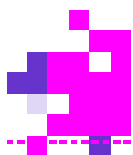
department or pharmacy. Call: 800-878-4403 ext. 0 for your wall poster.



Drugs FDA: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently launched a new Web site with comprehensive drug information. Drugs at FDA is a simple, searchable database providing news on prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Access information on new drug approvals and discontinued medications, learn the history of a drug product, and identify generic equivalents for brand-name drugs at: <http://www.fda.gov>.



The University of Kansas Department of Health and Technology Outreach, Area Health Education Centers, the University of Kansas Continuing Education, along with co-sponsor Kansas Department of Health and Environment, is pleased to offer a partial-day seminar: **Response to Terrorism & Emerging Infections For School Nurses.** The KU Area Health Education Centers – Northwest Region, Southwest Kansas and Rural Eastern Kansas, as approved providers of continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, present this offering for 3.0 contact hours of credit applicable for relicensure of RNs and LPNs. Dates for the program are: September 11– Pittsburg, September 18– Wichita, October 9– Hays, October 16– Overland Park, October 28– Garden City. There is additional content on the KRHS Web site that you can read by clicking the following link: <http://krhis.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/Notices.nsf/>.



Zip's: Events and Resources

*If you cannot find peace within yourself,
you will never find it anywhere else.*

Marvin Gaye



Initial Orientation to KAN Be Healthy: RN

Classroom Training. In order for RNs to provide KBH screening services they must attend the Initial Orientation to KBH. Upon completion, registered nurse attendees will be considered trained KBH screening providers. Wednesday, September 29, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Capital Plaza Hotel, Manor Conference Center, Homestead Room 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Ks. Please pre-register by calling 785-231-1010 ext 1399 or on-line at <http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh>. Deadline to register is September 22. This is one of three ways to obtain the RN training. Other training options include: independent self-study and web based study. The Initial Orientation to KBH: RN Training offers four contact hours. Cost is \$50.00

6th Annual Conference on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity Emphasis on Childhood and Adolescent Obesity: Sept 9-11, Marriott Hotel, Downtown Kansas City, Missouri. For more information contact Kim Johnson at 785-864-0797 or email her at kim@ku.edu.

The Healthy Indoor Environments Conference will be held September 23 and 24, 2004 at the Jack Reardon Civic Center located at 520 Minnesota Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information contact the conference hotline at: 816-861-3112.



Corporation for National Community Service Grants:

The Corporation for National and Community Service has announced the availability of \$2.9 million in funding to support AmeriCorps Professional Corps programs that engage professionals to

provide health, public safety, homeland security, education, and other human services in needy communities. For more information visit: <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops172.asp>.



Barnes & Noble K-12 Grants:

Through its stores, Barnes & Noble provides funding to local and regional efforts to promote literacy and the arts in K-12 education. Grant recipients must plan to promote the program with Barnes & Noble and be willing to work with the local store(s) on in-store programming. Potential applicants should visit a store in their area to receive more information. A list of stores nationwide is provided on the Barnes & Noble Web site. Proposals should be submitted to the community relations manager or store manager. All nonprofits supporting the arts, literacy, or K-12 education are eligible to apply. Application Deadline: Applications are reviewed on a continuing basis. For more information visit: http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/company/codonation/co_donation.html.



Christopher Reeve Paralysis is Foundation:

The Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation provides Quality of Life Grants to organizations nationwide that help improve opportunities, access and day-to-day quality of life for individuals living with disabilities, primarily paralysis, and their families. For more information visit: <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops182.asp>.

2004 Kansas Immigrant Access

Forum: DATE: October 7. LOCATION: Ramada Inn Downtown, 420 Southeast 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. For reservations call: (785) 234-5400. Federal, State and local

speakers as well as leaders from community-based organizations will discuss: TANF, Cultural Barriers, Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities, Civil Rights, Food Stamps, Healthcare Issues/Healthwave, Domestic Violence Language Proficiency, Education and Housing. Sessions are designed for social service and health care providers, persons who work with or advocate for immigrants, and immigrants who might qualify for programs and services. For questions contact Elias Garcia at (785) 296-3465 or mailto: elias.garcia@gov.state.ks.us at the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission, Office of the Governor. Registration Fee (\$25.00) includes lunch and visit to the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site.

Perinatal Association of Kansas 15th Annual Conference: Crucial Steps Toward Promoting

Maternal/Child Mental Health September 15, Stormont-Vail Health Care, Pozez Education Center, Topeka, Kansas.

Kansas Public Health Association/ Kansas Public Health Institute/ Tobacco Free Kansas/University of Kansas MPH Program and the Kansas Health Foundation: Leading the Way to a Healthier Kansas 2004 **Kansas Public Health Conference** September 27-29, Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

Kansas Public Health Nurses/ Maternal Child Health

Conference: (No theme established as yet) Mark your calendars! May 3 - 5, 2005 at the Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas.